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Classified By: Ambassador E. Anthony Wayne for reasons 1.4(b)and(d)

[1](#)1. (C) Early May 11, I contacted Deputy Foreign Minister Roberto Garcia Moritan to raise reftel points. Garcia Moritan emphatically stated that Argentina would not vote for Belarus for the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC). He asked that convey to U/S Burns that he is personally involved in the issue, and that Argentina has been, and will continue, to raise the issue with other countries. He disclosed that he had met with the Ambassador of Belarus on May 10 where he told the Ambassador that Argentina would not be supporting Belarus's candidacy for the UNHRC. Garcia Moritan asserted that the UNHRC is "too important" to allow countries with poor human rights records, like Belarus, to sit on the Council.
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